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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))
(Regular application claiming foreign priority)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the name of inventor:
Yoshihiro Nakami

For: **IMAGE NOISE REDUCTION**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from Japanese Application No. 2002-379035, filed on December 27, 2002.

Application Elements:

- ☒ 28 Pages of Specification, Claims, and Abstract
☒ 08 Sheets of Drawings (Formal)
☐ Pages of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
☐ Preliminary Amendment
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☐ Small Entity Status:
☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

☒ Priority based on Japanese Application No. 2002-379035, which was filed on December 27, 2002, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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